

**ARSON AFTER THEFT.**

Police Want George Schiefele on a Double Charge.

Said to Have Started a Fire After Stealing Jewelry.

Goods Valued at \$3,000 Stolen from His Landlady.

Two detectives of Inspector McLaughlin's staff and the ward men of the East Sixty-seventh street station, under the direction of Capt. Strauss, are searching the city to-day for George Schiefele, eighteen years old, who is suspected of having stolen \$3,000 worth of jewelry yesterday and then set fire to a house at 402 East Sixty-third street to conceal the robbery.

Mrs. Anna Bern, widow of a jeweler who was in business in One Hundred and Twenty-fifth street, resides at the address given. A few months ago she took Schiefele as a boarder. He came to her strongly recommended by his uncle, a Mr. Behler, who is the president of a lodge that owns the house in which Mrs. Bern lives.

Mrs. Bern lived in the third floor flat, and had four rooms. Schiefele occupied a small room in the rear. He has done no work, Mrs. Bern says, since he lived with her, and for the past month has paid no board. In a closet in the front room Mrs. Bern kept a safe filled with diamonds and jewelry, which she had retained from the stock in her husband's jewelry store. The woman believes that Schiefele knew this jewelry was in the house.

At 11 o'clock yesterday morning Mrs. Bern went out to pay a visit to some friends in Hoboken and did not return until late in the evening. At 10 o'clock in the afternoon tenants in the house became aware that something was wrong. There was smoke in the hall, and it got thicker and thicker.

Finally an investigation was made and fire was discovered in Mrs. Bern's room. An alarm was turned in, but the flames, which were confined to Mrs. Bern's bedroom, were extinguished before more than \$300 damage had been done.

The circumstances looked suspicious to the firemen, as there was no fire in any of the other rooms, and, in the flat, and the fire marshal was asked to investigate.

Mrs. Bern first learned of the fire when she reached home at 10:30 o'clock last night. She immediately thought of the jewelry and rushed up the stairs. The bag with the jewelry was gone. Schiefele, it is said, had been in the flat during Mrs. Bern's absence, and had left early in the afternoon. The police were at once notified by Mrs. Bern, who then began to suspect Schiefele.

Half an hour before the smoke was discovered in the hall Schiefele had gone to the housekeeper and said:

"I am going to India."

"India?" asked the housekeeper, for she knew the youth had not worked for a long time and never had any money.

"Yes," he continued, "I'm going to India. I'm offered a good position there."

The room in which the jewelry had been kept was locked. The youth had no key to it. But the door had been forced and near the lock were the marks of a "jimmy."

The police think that the robbery was committed by Schiefele, and that he then set fire to the house. The suspected youth is described as being of medium build, about 5 feet 4 inches tall, and with a smooth face. He can speak both English and German. When the housekeeper saw him last he was dressed in a light checked coat and vest, dark striped trousers, soft felt hat and round shoes. General instructions have been sent out to watch all the steamship offices and piers, as well as the docks from which any vessels may sail.

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